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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from September 15 to October 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Red Hills State Park

1304486 - This project involves installation of an underground power line to provide electricity to the lakeside shelter and restaurant. Project was submitted for review on 9-24-12.

Volo Bog State Natural Area

1304399 - This project involves building of a chimney swift nesting structure —a tower- with an included information kiosk in Volo Bog's mowed grass picnic area. Project was submitted for review on 9-19-12.

Cache River State Natural Area

1303658 - This project involves clearing a subtransmission line Right-of-way located along Highway 45. Federal regulations require that sub-transmission and transmission line ROWs be cleared and maintained in order to prevent large power outages that can occur when trees come in contact with these lines. Project was submitted for review on 9-4-12.

Springfield Mine Rescue Station

1303984 - This project involves replacing a sloped shingle roof and flat roof in kind. Project was submitted for review on 9-11-12.

Ramsey Lake State Park

1304633 - This project involves construction of three ephemeral wetlands/ponds for reptiles and amphibians on former agricultural fields at Ramsey Lake State Park. Project was submitted for review on 9-25-12.

Pere Marquette State Park

1302100 - This project involves dividing an approximately 30 acre pasture into smaller acreages by means of shallow water bars/berms across the field to help alleviate the severe gully which has formed. Each single water bar/berm/gradient ditch will collect a smaller watershed and dispense that area of surface water run off into the woods. Project was submitted for review on 8-7-12.

Questions and Comments
All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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